

HOUSE RESOLUTION 381

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A RESOLUTION to commend Ralph "Butch" Curtis for his honorable and astute service to the people of Tennessee and his work with the Sportsmen Wildlife Foundation.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those estimable citizens who have dedicated themselves to improving the quality of life for their fellow Tennesseans; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Curtis is one such estimable person who evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, throughout his life, Mr. Curtis has distinguished himself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to his community; and

WHEREAS, his work with the Sportsmen Wildlife Foundation is particularly noteworthy, as it has resulted in great betterment to the common good; and

WHEREAS, he has been integrally involved in the construction of the Youth Sportsmen Camp in Cumberland County; because of the contributions of financial support and countless hours of physical labor by this estimable gentleman, the Camp will open considerably in advance of the scheduled completion date; and

WHEREAS, this is just the latest testament to the selfless nature of Mr. Curtis, who is a an extremely giving person who often reaches out with compassion to people whom life has treated unkindly and epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated community servant and reliable friend and neighbor; and

WHEREAS, he is a dedicated supporter of youth sports, such as Hiwassee College Baseball; Loudon High School Baseball, Basketball, and Football; and Fort Loudon Middle School Basketball and Soccer; and

WHEREAS, an invaluable member of his community, he has been involved with the Rotary Club, Piney Ruritan Club, Lenoir City Arts & Crafts Festival, and American Business Woman's Association; and

WHEREAS, he has contributed to and raised funds for such estimable causes as Habitat for Humanity, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, the American Heart Association, the American Cancer Society, Highland Park, State Trooper Lodge #36, the Jason Scott Family, and the Masonic Lodge; and

WHEREAS, a devout Christian, he has been active with Mount Zion Baptist Church, Poplar Springs Baptist Church, and New Macedonia Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Curtis is wholly committed to the noble precepts that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby commend Ralph "Butch" Curtis for his honorable and astute service to the good people of Tennessee through his work with the Youth Sportsmen Camp, the Sportsmen Wildlife Foundation, and so many other worthy causes, and we wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.